

Man, 45, dies after drinking 1.5 litres of Oogoro

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A 45-year-old man in Port Harcourt, River State capital slumped and died, shortly after consuming 1.5 liters of local gin (*Oogoro*).

The alcoholic beverage is equivalent to one bottle of ragolis water.

The deceased had allegedly betted the sum of N1,000 only, with a friend and boasted that he would consume the gin and add extra six bottles of beer. He dropped dead and immediately started fuming profusely from his mouth.

The incident occurred at the University of Port Harcourt Junction, behind Mr. Biggs, a popular fast food eatery in the state capital.

The deceased and his colleague held from Enugu state and worked as bus loaders in the motor park located at the junction.

An eyewitness said the victim died shortly after consuming the 1.5 liters of *Oogoro* gin and demanded for six extra bottles of beer and the sum of N1,000 the amount he betted for.

The incident which happened last Saturday

also caused panic passersby and students fled from the scene of the incident to evade likely police arrest.

The man's death also paralyzed socio-economic activities around the scene as shops and stalls were temporarily closed down to business for the fear of arrest by the law enforcement agency.

Policemen from Choba Divisional Police Station arrived the scene and arrested the man who betted with the deceased and the seller of the illicit gin.

Contacted, Choba Divisional Police Station

while confirming the death said two persons had been arrested in connection with the death.

The police blamed the death on irresponsible behaviour, as the deceased died of high-level of *Oogoro* consumption.

The police division also said, the corpse had been deposited at a mortuary as the relatives were yet to claim the body, as at press time.

Our correspondent who visited the scene hours later reported that, motor park boys and bus loaders were seen in groups discussing the incident.